

WE CLAIM:

1. In combination a paint brush and a brush tilting mechanism comprising:
 - (a) a paint brush of the type including a ferrule, bristles and a handle; and
 - 5 (b) a means for tilting the bristles of the brush upwardly away from a flat surface when said paint brush being laid onto a flat surface.
- 10 2. The combination paint brush and brush tilting mechanism claimed in claim 1, wherein said tilting means positions the bristles of the brush head upwardly away from a flat surface at an angle θ relative a flat surface when said paint brush being laid onto a flat surface.
- 15 3. The combination paint brush and brush tilting mechanism claimed in claim 1 wherein said tilting means includes a ferrule having a raised portion such that the bristles of the brush are oriented upwardly away from a flat surface when said paint brush being laid onto a flat surface.
4. The combination paint brush and brush tilting mechanism claimed in claim 3 wherein said raised portion includes at least one dimple.

5. The combination paint brush and brush tilting mechanism claimed in claim 3 wherein said raised portion includes at least one ridge.

6. The combination paint brush and brush tilting mechanism claimed in claim 1 wherein said tilting means includes an adaptor piece including a raised portion for releasably positioning onto said ferrule such that the bristles of the brush are oriented upwardly away from a flat surface when said paint brush being laid onto a flat surface.

7. The combination paint brush and brush tilting mechanism claimed in claim 1 wherein said tilting means includes a sleeve including a raised portion for releasably positioning onto said ferrule such that the bristles of the brush are oriented upwardly away from a flat surface when said paint brush being laid onto a flat surface.

8. In combination a paint brush and a brush tilting mechanism comprising:

(a) said paint brush including a brush head attached to a paint brush handle, wherein said brush head oriented substantially along a brush plane;

(b) said paint brush handle including a handle section integrally part of said paint brush handle and substantially oriented along a handle axis, said handle axis spaced from and substantially parallel to said brush plane, such that said paint brush being adapted to be gripped in a hand; and

(c) said tilting mechanism including a means for tilting the bristles of said paint brush
brush upwardly away from a flat surface when said paint brush being laid onto a flat
surface.

5 9. In combination a paint brush and a brush tilting mechanism comprising:

(a) said paint brush including a brush head attached to a paint brush handle, wherein
said brush head oriented substantially along a brush plane;

10 (b) said paint brush handle including a handle section integrally part of said paint
brush handle and substantially oriented along a handle axis, said handle axis spaced
from and substantially parallel to said brush plane, such that said paint brush being
adapted to be gripped in a hand; and

(c) said tilting mechanism including a means for tilting the bristles of the brush head
upwardly away from a flat surface at an angle θ relative a flat surface when said
paint brush being laid onto a flat surface.

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10. The combination paint brush and brush tilting mechanism claimed in claim 8 wherein
said tilting means includes a ferrule having a raised portion such that the bristles of the brush
are oriented upwardly away from a flat surface when said paint brush being laid onto a flat
20 surface.

11. The combination paint brush and brush tilting mechanism claimed in claim 10 wherein said raised portion includes at least one dimple.

12. The combination paint brush and brush tilting mechanism claimed in claim 10
5 wherein said raised portion includes a ridge.

13. The combination paint brush and brush tilting mechanism claimed in claim 8 wherein
said tilting means includes an adaptor piece including a raised portion for releasably
positioning onto said paint brush such that the bristles of the brush are oriented upwardly
10 away from a flat surface when said paint brush being laid onto a flat surface.

14. The combination paint brush and brush tilting mechanism claimed in claim 8 wherein
said tilting means includes a sleeve including a raised portion for releasably positioning onto
said paint brush such that the bristles of the brush are oriented upwardly away from a flat
15 surface when said paint brush being laid onto a flat surface.